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Please enter this response to the Office Action mailed 23 April 2003 into the file of the U.S. Patent Application identified above. The Applicants request reconsideration and allowance of the claims.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph [0057] with amended claim [0057] as follows:

[0057] Figure 6 shows a second seam structure embodiment that can beneficially be fabricated using the principles of the present invention. Like the first seam structure, this structure includes rabbeted tongues 24 and 26 that fit together to form a seam 11 such that the outer surface